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SECTORAL POLICY QUESTIONS: FOOD AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Costa Rica* and Colombia**: draft resolution

Food and sustainable agricultural development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/109 of 20 December 1995,

Expressing deep concern at the widespread phenomenon of chronic undernourishment, including among children, particularly in the developing countries,

Also expressing concern that the scarcity of freshwater in developing countries, in arid and semi-arid regions, has hampered development efforts, especially agricultural development, which is necessary for food security,

Reaffirming the inalienable right to be free from hunger and malnutrition, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition,[1]

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

[1] Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. I.

Recognizing the contributions made by the major United Nations conferences of the 1990s to an international consensus on food security and related issues,

Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/36 of 26 July 1996 on follow-up to the major international United Nations conferences and summits, including the implementation of their respective programmes of action,

1. Welcomes the outcome of the World Food Summit held in Rome from 13 to 17 November 1996;

2. Urges all members of the international community, as well as relevant bodies within the United Nations system, including international and regional financial institutions, to cooperate actively in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action adopted at the Summit;

3. Requests that, at its special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21, the General Assembly give due attention to the follow-up to the World Food Summit Plan of Action;

4. Invites the Administrative Committee on Coordination to decide on the inter-agency mechanism for the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action and the incorporation of the mechanism into existing arrangements, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1997 in the context of Council resolution 1996/36;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition[1] and the World Food Summit Plan of Action, in the context of the follow-up to the major United Nations conferences of the 1990s, including the implementation of their respective programmes of action;

6. Reiterates its invitation to the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the outcome of the World Food Summit, including actions to be taken to follow up the outcome of the Summit at all appropriate levels.